

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 13th May 2024 Victoria Institute, Culgaith, following the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM.

Unapproved

33/24 Present: -

Cllrs Caroline Richardson, Pauline Toppin, David Witney, Sue Smith, Andrew Clay, Ian Stowers, Ken Philipson, Nick Mason, WAFC Cllrs Michael Handley and Mary Robinson. Clerk John Fleming
There were no members of the public present.

34/24 Apologies

There were none.

35/24 Minutes

The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th March 2024, as a true record.
Proposer Cllr P Toppin
Seconder Cllr D Witney.

36/24 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

37/24 Public Participation

There was none.

38/24 Westmorland and Furness Councillor Reports.

38.1 Cllr Michael Handley Report

38.1.1 Eden Planning Committee 8.5.24 Belah Bridge Inn: Owner wants to convert it into residential. PC opposes. Local group forming to buy. Refused application. Footbridge at Low Hesket. 4 objectors. Passed.

38.1.2 Full WAF Council Meeting, Kendal. 9.5.24 WAFC Plan Delivery Framework: large document. Part on environment and electric vehicles. I highlighted problem of EV owners who don't have off-road parking. Various solutions are now being trialled (e.g. Kerbo Charge).

38.1.3 Eden Locality Board 24.4.24 A66 upgrade: grants are available for local charities as part of Social Value. WAFC Local Plan: Currently money raised for local education via S106 may change to Community Infrastructure Levy in the future. 20 MPH Prioritisation: Applications received for 79 localities. 9 chosen in Eden including Melmerby but not Culgaith.

38.1.4 Planning Committee 13.3.24 Second application for private house on Beacon Edge from Mr Atkinson, in one year. Refused again. Rosgill near Shap: Application for 10x30 metre patch of grass to be registered as a village green. Refused.

38.2 Cllr Mary Robinson

38.2.1 Reported on WAFC's Policy on Bio – Diversity.

38.2.2 Reported that a campaign group had brought a legal challenge against a decision to dual the A66. Transport Action Network (TAN) opposed a decision by the secretary of state for transport to approve the £1.5bn A66 Northern Trans-Pennine scheme. TAN believes the upgrade to 18 miles of single carriageway between Penrith and Scotch Corner offers "poor" value for money and will harm wildlife. National Highways said its proposal would provide safer journeys on a route that currently sees high crash rates. National Highways have said it was not known, at this stage, what impact the challenge would have should it be successful.

38.2.3 A66 – North Pennine Upgrade. –

Local accommodation will be needed for contractors. See: -

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010062/TR010062-000295-2.7%20Environmental%20Management%20Plan%20Annex%20B10%20Construction%20Worker%20Travel%20and%20Accommodation%20Plan%20.pdf>

39/24 Finance (Incl.Vat)

39.1 To note the following balances as at:-	31/3/2024	05/5/2024
	£	£
HSBC Account	419.95	1571.46
Penrith Building Society	17191.30	27191.30
NSI Account	24.21	24.21
Vat to be claimed	24.60	51.60
Total assets	<u>17660.06</u>	<u>28838.57</u>

39.2 The 31th March 2024, Year End Accounts ,were unanimously approved, subject to audit confirmation.

(Subsequent to the meeting the figures were confirmed by Internal Auditor)

Proposer Cllr A Clay

Secunder Cllr S Smith

39.3 The Interim Account to 5th May 2024 was unanimously approved.

Proposer Cllr S Smith

Secunder Cllr C Richardson

39.4 The Following Accounts were Ratified.

39.4.1 J Fleming Fee Feb/March/April 2024	As per contract
39.4.2 J Fleming Office Provision Feb/March/April 2024	60.00
39.4.3 CALC Subscription 2023/2024	250.53
39.4.4 Bank Charges.	5.00
39.4.5 Bank Charges.	5.00
39.4.6 Dave Willetts – Safety Tree Pruning – Kirkland	200.00
39.4.7 Room Hire 4/3/24	25.00
39.4.8 Defibrillator Junior Pads – Culgaith	147.60
39.4.9 Angela Hartland – PAYE Year End and Start	40.00
39.4.10 CALC Subscription 2024/25	278.88
39.4.11 Mark Binney – Grass Cutting	477.25
39.4.12 Zurich – Insurance	617.89
39.4.13 Community Heartbeat Trust – Annual Sub. Skirwith.	162.00

- 39.5 To Approve the Following Accounts for Payment**
J Fleming Expenses. 4th March – 13^h May 2024 18.05
- 39.6 Items 39.4 and 39.5 were unanimously approved.**
Proposer Cllr P Toppin
Seconder Cllr D Witney
- 39.7 To Report The Following Receipt**
WAFC – Precept 13000.00
- 39.8 Transfer – To PBS from Current Account** 10000.00
- 39.9 Online Banking Authorization 2024/2025 was unanimously approved.**
Proposer Cllr S Smith
Seconder Cllr A Clay
- 39.10 The Annual Governance Documents 2023/2024** were unanimously approved, subject to audit confirmation.
(Subsequent to the meeting the figures were confirmed by Internal Auditor)
Proposer Cllr N Mason
Seconder Cllr D Witney

40/24 Planning

There were none

41/24 Highways and Land Matters

41.1 WAFC's 20mph Speed Restriction Schemes – Culgaith Parish.

It was reported that the project team has evaluated applications for 79 locations against the eligibility criteria set out in the guidance notes and prioritisation matrix that accompanied the application form.

Eden Locality Board considered a report at its meeting on 24th April 2024 where the recommendation was agreed to progress a list of 28 identified scheme locations during 2024/25.

Culgaith was unfortunately not selected as a scheme for 2024/25 but has been listed for progression either in 2025/26 or 2026/27 as part of the 3-year programme. This is based on the prioritisation of schemes to deliver against the matrix, including the expected road safety improvements, indicated level of community support and the expected deliverability of the scheme.

However, it is the intention to begin preparatory work within this first-year programme, such as gathering traffic data and undertaking engagement on specific extents of the speed limits, for the Culgaith location. This is another huge undertaking that needs to be managed to enable the team to deliver this ambitious programme.

41.2 Uneven Pavement Outside Rose Walk, Culgaith

It was reported that this repair would be undertaken when funding permitted.

41.3 Raised Edging - by outside 6 Whinfell Terrace – Culgaith

It was reported that this issue had been resolved.

Work Still In Hand

41.4 Skirwith Footway Light by Pear Tree House– Non-Functioning

41.5 HGV and Coach Traffic from Station Road to 'Black Swan' Junction.

41.6 Skirwith – Church St. Roadside Concrete Post and Rail Fence Repair

41.7 Drainage issue - The Pea to A6412 Junction

42/24 Willan Living – The Gift of Two Parcels of Land at Otters Holt.

- 42.1** It was reported that the conveyancing of these two parcels of Community Land is on-going with the Solicitors. Whilst at the outset, Willan Living had mentioned that in taking over this ground it would not involve the Parish Council in any boundary responsibilities, this has been proven not to be so. The boundaries of the 6 properties bordering the two parcels of Community Land are as per their deeds, drawn up with Cumbria Homes, and the initial reading of these titles is that these are 'Silent' boundaries which would therefore be assumed to be 'Party.'. Clarification of the exact boundary responsibilities of the 6 properties involved is being sought.
- 42.2** When all the queries raised at the 4th March meeting under clause 28.2/24, have been address and documented and a draft Deed of Transfer has been received, the Clerk will forward these to Councillors for their consideration and for guidance as to how they wish to proceed.

43/24 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

The following items of correspondence were received since the last meeting.

- 43.1 19 E mails** had been forwarded to Councillors since the March meeting; these being kept on file for a year.
- 43.2 Reported – Calc AGM 12th October**
- 43.3 Revised Financial Regulations** have been released by NALC. Agreed to update the Councils document for presentation at the July meeting for approval.

44/24 Councillor Matters

- 44.1 Notice Board – Otters Holt.** It was requested that should the transfer of land at Otters Holt take place, could the Parish Council consider siting a notice board in that area. This suggestion was considered a sensible proposal.
- 44.2 Parish Council Notice Boards –** It was commented on that, in particular, the Culgaith and Blencarn Parish Council notice boards were beginning to show their age.
Action: - Agreed to further look into the condition of the boards with a view of either repair or replacement.
- 44.3 Skirwith Ash Trees –** It was reported that there was possible evidence of Ash die back in the Ash trees bordering the Village Green, behind where the recycling skip is located.
- 44.4 Skirwith Playground Waste Bin –** It was requested that the waste bin at the entrance to the Playground be removed. It was reported that while it is used for dog waste, it is seldom emptied. There was another bin, located only yards away that could easily be used instead and this is a bin that the refuse collectors are contracted to empty weekly.
Action: -To ask WAFC to remove the Playground bin.
- 44.5 Skirwith Road Bridge –** Attention was drawn to the fact that the bridge had been damaged by large passing traffic, recently. The Clerk reported that this damage had already been reported to Highways.

45/24 Dates and Venues of Future 2024 Meetings.

All on a Monday commencing at 7.30pm.

1st July - Skirwith, 2nd September – Blencarn, 4th November – Culgaith

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed _____

Date _____